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PASS STR, COMMERCE, LABOR, TREASURY

1. NEGOTIATING TEAM SEES POSSIBLE PROBLEM OF MARKET DISRUPTION THAT COULD BE CAUSED BY HIGH SHIPMENTS (OVERHANG) OF FOOTWEAR CURRENTLY IN PIPELINE AND TO BE SHIPPED PRIOR TO JUNE 1, THE DATE EXPORT VISA SYSTEM WOULD GO INTO EFFECT. A SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF SHOES MAY ARRIVE IN U.S. DURING PERIOD JUNE 1 - JULY 30, BEFORE AN EXPORT VISA CAN BE REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF ENTRY. ALTHOUGH KOREANS ADAMANTLY INSIST THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT LIMITATIONS ON SHIPMENTS MADE IN A PERIOD NOT SUBJECT TO CONTROLS, WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN AND COVERED IT IN PARAGRAPH 2(B) OF DRAFT AGREEMENT PRESENTED TO THEM, WITH THE PROVISION FOR A NUMERICAL CAP LEFT OPEN. OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE LIKELY VOLUME OF THE OVERHANG IS 6 TO 10 MILLION PAIRS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A RECOGNIZED POSSIBILITY IT MAY BE AS MUCH AS 15 MILLION PAIRS. KOREANS HAVE PROPOSED A CAP OF 12 MILLION TO ASSURE ENTRY THIS ESTIMATED VOLUME. SPECIFYING IN AGREEMENT A CAP IN NEIGHBORHOOD 10-12 MILLION PAIRS OBVIOUSLY CREATES A PRESENTATIONAL PROBLEM VIS-A-VIS INDUSTRY AND CONGRESS.

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2. A SECOND APPROACH WOULD BE TO SEEK AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KOREANS TO RESTRAIN MAY SHIPMENTS TO A GIVEN LEVEL, SAY 5 MILLION PAIRS, AND AGREEING TO CONSULT WITH A VIEW TO PROMPT RESOLUTION IF SHIPMENTS ORIGINATING BEFORE MAY EXCEED REASONABLE LEVELS.

3. THE DELEGATION RECOGNIZED THE FIRST APPROACH IS

PROBABLY PREFERABLE SINCE IT HAS MORE TEETH. THE
SECOND APPROACH HAS FEWER PRESENTATIONAL PROBLEMS BUT
WOULD NOT RESTRICT A FLOOD OF IMPORTS IF THEY ARE WAITING
IN BOND NOW.

4. DELEGATION REQUEST ADVICE ON ABOVE BY COB MAY 10
WASHINGTON TIME.
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